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120. The burner assembly of claim 116, wherein the inlet opening of the burner block is defined by a wall and the burner tip portion is positioned to lie spaced-apart from the wall of the burner block when the collar is in the installed position.

REMARKS

Introduction

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (b)(2)(ii), claims 1-110 and added claims 111-120 are pending in the application.

New sheets of Drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(3)(i) are submitted herewith requesting amendments to Figs. 1, 3A, and 7. No new matter is believed to be added by the proposed amendments to the drawings.

The specification has been amended accordingly replacing paragraphs beginning at Col. 4 line 64, Col. 6, line 19 and at Col. 10 line 16 to reflect these amendments to the claims. Support for the amendments to the specification may be found throughout the specification and claims and in Figs. 1, 3A, and 7. No new matter is believed to be added by virtue of the amendments to the specification.

New Claims

Claims 111-120 have been added to point out more specifically the subject matter that applicant regards as his invention. The additional claims find full support through the specification and drawings. Specifically, support for the additional claims may be found at

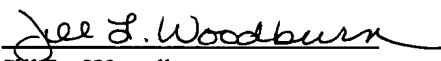
Column 5 lines 1-9; patent claims 12, 13, 28, 50, 51, and 64, and Figs. 1, 3A, 4, and 7. No new matter is added by virtue of the new claims. Claims 111-120 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

There is no description or suggestion in the cited art of the combination including a burner block, an oxygen-supply housing, a fuel-discharge nozzle, and a removable collar engaging the oxygen-supply housing and the fuel-discharge nozzle, the collar being formed to support the fuel-discharge nozzle within the inlet opening of the burner block as recited in new claim 111. Claims 112-120 depend from claim 111.

The claims are believed to be allowable over the art references of record. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment and examination of the application leading to allowance of the claims and passage of the application to issuance is respectfully requested.

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